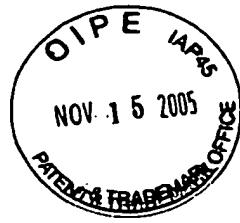


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SIR:

In response to the Office Action of September 13, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application, in view of the following comments.

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